



Agricultural Leaders **OF MICHIGAN**

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**Rep. Gary Glenn
House Energy Policy Committee Members**

As leaders of organizations spanning Michigan agriculture, we are writing in support of Senate Bill (SB) 637 to expand access to high-speed wireless technology in rural Michigan.

Modern agriculture is a highly competitive, high-tech, global business that's constantly evolving. Access to the very best tools and technology can be a key factor that determines success for farms in Michigan and throughout the nation.

SB 637 will strengthen our state's wireless networks in rural and urban areas alike by embracing small cell technology. These small wireless network facilities can easily be installed throughout the state, which would provide the additional capacity, faster speeds and better overall wireless experience. For Michigan agriculture, more reliable access to high-speed broadband would be a major benefit.

This technology has the power to truly bolster Michigan agriculture, but first we must pass legislation that encourages such enhancements. SB 637 accomplishes that. Passing this legislation is the right decision for farmers and rural business interests throughout Michigan.

Sincerely,

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